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Behind Closed Doors: A Novel

By B.A. Paris

"Jack is charming and handsome, but underneath his cool exterior is a brutal psychopath who thrives on terrifying others. His wife, Grace, found out too late that he is a monster who seeks to control everything she does. Even her handicapped sister, Millie, is part of Jack's vicious plan. Paris has crafted a riveting, intense tale that will keep readers on the edge of their seats until the last page."

—Stephanie Crowe, Page & Palette, Fairhope, AL



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Books for Living

By Will Schwalbe

"Anyone can recommend a book, but it's rare that someone can fully articulate its lifelong impact. With deep care and reflection, Schwalbe offers readers the most personal and heartfelt parts of himself in his latest collection. This is not a list of Schwalbe's favorite books, but is instead an explanation of how certain books and authors taught him timeless lessons about our deepest longings. Schwalbe's voice, both intimate and universal, leaps off the page and fills the room as only the liveliest conversations can. I want to read every title mentioned, if only to keep the conversation going."

—Miriam Landis, Island Books, Mercer Island, WA



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The Chilbury Ladies' Choir: A Novel

By Jennifer Ryan

"This gorgeous novel grabbed me from the very first page and kept me hooked with characters that are vivid and lovable. As each woman, through letters and diaries, shares her place in the intrigue, romance, sorrow, and friendship of Chilbury and World War II their lives become increasingly real. When their individual triumphs and sorrows of the indomitable Chilbury Ladies Choir wind together during their performances, Ryan's writing reaches a soulful crescendo that will continue to echo in readers' hearts. Fans of Helen Simonson should not miss this beautiful debut."

—Grace Wright, Parnassus Books, Nashville, TN



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Close Enough to Touch: A Novel

By Colleen Oakley

"It was just a kiss, but it nearly killed her. Jubilee is allergic to people. She can't be touched by strangers, well-meaning or not. She retreats into her shell, away from the world, but her high school years pass, then her parents are gone, and, finally, she must move out into the world or die. She finds a home for her quiet life in a library, until Eric finds her and insists that she discover the truth of a life lived without fear. *Close Enough* is filled with real life, real people, and the search for happiness that we all recognize."

—Linda Bond, Auntie's Bookstore, Spokane, WA



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Cruel Beautiful World: A Novel

By Caroline Leavitt

"*Cruel Beautiful World* is a masterful family drama about sisterhood, love, and the dangers of entering the adult world. Lucy is sure that she and her high school teacher are in love and agrees to run away with him to a rural paradise where they can be together until she turns 18. Lucy, however, gets more than she bargained for when her life turns into one of isolation and deprivation. Her sister, Charlotte, never gives up hope that Lucy will return. Their shocking reunion will leave readers riveted to the page."

—Pamela Klinger-Horn, Excelsior Bay Books, Excelsior, MN



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The Fortunes: A Novel

By Peter Ho Davies

"At a time of talk about building walls and isolationism, Davies offers a look at American history through the lives of a group of people who have helped to forge this nation—Chinese-Americans. Set in the California Gold Rush, 1930s Hollywood, and the present day, Davies' tale is artfully told with passion and conviction, and readers will empathize fully with each generation of 'outsiders.'"

—Jessie Martin, Nicola's Books, Ann Arbor, MI



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Little Nothing: A Novel

By Marisa Silver

"Silver turns the oral tradition into fine literature with *Little Nothing*, a masterful work of fairy tale and folklore. Pavla, a dwarf born in Eastern Europe in the early 20th century, is a survivor who magically adapts time and again in order to overcome cruelty. Danilo loves her and is obsessed only with protecting her. This is a story of the power of transformation, and the gift of finding the love we need, if not the love we seek."

—Maureen Stinger, The Fountain Bookstore, Richmond, VA



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Moonglow: A Novel

By Michael Chabon

"The intersection of world history and family history, the interplay of memory and imagination and the blurred and shifting line that separates sanity and madness all come into play in this stunning book. In the months before his death, Chabon's grandfather revealed much of his life to his grandson. On that foundation, Chabon has built a novel filled with family stories, World War II episodes—an obsession with rocketry, and a vividly realized, against-all-odds love story. While all the characters are richly developed, the narrator's grandfather—the brave, eccentric, anger-fueled, and deeply loving center of this novel—will remain with readers forever."

—Banna Rubinow, the river's end bookstore, Oswego, NY



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The Other Einstein: A Novel

By Marie Benedict

“Behind every great man... is a woman whose name got left out of the publication credits. Physics historians continue to discuss how much of the creation of the theory of relativity—and the other brilliant papers published during Einstein’s ‘golden year’ of 1905—can be credited to his brilliant but overlooked wife, Mileva Maric. This fantastic book casts a spotlight upon her, and how her hopes and dreams were shadowed and then crushed by Einstein’s meteoric rise.”

—Genevieve Taylor, The Boulder Bookstore, Boulder, CO



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The Risen: A Novel

By Ron Rash

“The most overused cliché in the book business is ‘page-turner,’ so I will ask indulgence when I declare that *The Risen* by Ron Rash is a page-turner in the truest sense of the phrase. *The Risen* explores a young boy’s coming of age, sibling rivalry, a decades-old mystery, and extreme life choices. It is an exciting read for all who appreciate literature at its finest.”

—Jake Reiss, Alabama Booksmith, Birmingham, AL



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Trainwreck: The Women We Love to Hate, Mock, and Fear ... and Why

By Sady Doyle

“At its best, pop culture criticism forces us to reconsider a familiar product by placing it in a new context and, in doing so, imbuing it with new meaning. *Trainwreck* is just that. Doyle effectively and entertainingly litigates her case: that Western culture’s fascination with ‘fallen’ female starlets—aka trainwrecks—is simply a modern form of the patriarchal silencing and marginalization of women that has been going for centuries. With sly humor and lively prose, Doyle systematically punches through all the familiar straw-man arguments and convincingly illustrates that the ‘harmless fun’ of Internet clickbait and TMZ gossip are merely modern forms of public shaming. A must-read.”

—Matt Nixon, The Booksellers at Laurelwood, Memphis, TN



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The Wonder: A Novel

By Emma Donoghue

“Lib Wright, a protégé of Florence Nightingale and a nursing veteran of the Crimean War, is dispatched from London to a remote Irish village to keep watch on Anna O'Donnell, a young girl who is rumored to have refrained from eating for four months yet continues to thrive. Miracle or hoax? Lib is determined to uncover the truth, but the truth is never simple. In this beautiful, haunting novel, Donoghue weaves a tale of misguided faith and duty, exploited innocence, and redemptive love. What is the secret behind Anna’s mysterious ability to survive? The truth is uncovered as *The Wonder* propels readers to a shocking conclusion.”

—Cathy Langer, Tattered Cover Book Store, Denver, CO



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